<u>Claims</u>

1. A method of welding, comprising:

applying a laser beam onto a seam of a first element and a second element, where the laser beam is of sufficient energy to melt a portion of the material of the first and second element onto which it is applied, oscillating the laser beam such that a laser spot of the laser beam scans back and forth across the seam, wherein oscillating the laser beam creates an effective laser spot size larger than the laser spot size, moving the oscillating laser beam along the seam, wherein the first element and second element are welded as the oscillating laser beam moves along the seam.